allotment of time slots on the metro/FM Channels of Doordarshan/All India Radio at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta received from the former Chairman of the ATCI was sought to be modied to bring its contents in line with the provisions of the Scheme notified by Government in September, 1992.

Publisher of Tamil Daily 'NAMADU MGR'

196. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 143 given in the Raya Sabha on 23rd February, 1993 and state :

(a) whether the Tamil Daily 'Namadu MGR' which was on the approved list of the D.A.V.P. for release of Government advertisements during the period from 7th November, 1989 to 30th June, 1990 is still printed under the name of the publisher Ms. Jayalalitha;

(b) if not, the date on which Ms. Jayalalitha ceased to be the publisher of the said newspaper; and

(c) if so, what is the name of the new publisher ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) As per records maintained in the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India, J. Jayalalitha remains to be the publisher of the Tamil daily 'Namadu MGR'.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Launching of three additional channels on Doordarshan

197. SHRI G. G. SWELL :

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three additional channels of the Doordarshan that he mentioned in this statement in the last session have been uplinked to transponders in satellites;

(b) if so, whether reception from these satellites requires the installation of dishes;

(c) whether these dishes are available in the country and if so, what is their cost; and

(d) whether a perceptible number of Indian viewers has been weaned away from Star T.V., BBC etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present only the programmes of the metro channel of Doordarshan between 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. are being uplinked using a transponder on INSAT-2A for reception in all parts of the country (except Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta where they are also available terrestrially) through appropriate dish antenna.

(c) Yes, Sir. Information about the price of a dish antenna in different parts of the country is, however, not maintained by Government.

(d) No survey has been done in this regard so far.

विभिन्न भाषाओं में प्रकाशित पत्रिकाओं की कुल संख्या

198. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय विभिन्न भाषाओं में कुल कितनी दैनिक, साप्ताहिक, पाक्षिक और मासिक पत्रिकाएं प्रकाशित की जा रही हैं; और

(ख) मार्च, 1993 तक सरकार के पास पत्रिकाओं के नामों के पंजीकरण और उनकी

स्वीकृति हेतु विचारार्थ कितने आवेदन लम्बित हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) : (क) इस समय देश में प्रकाशित विभिन्न भाषाओं में दैनिक, साप्ताहिक, पाक्षिक और मासिक पत्रिकाओं की कुल संख्या 27,690 है।

(ख) 2-4-1993 की स्थिति अनुसार 211 मामले पंजीकरण के लिए और 97 मामले शीर्षकों की मंजूरी के लिए लम्बित थे।

देश में जिला स्तरीय सलाहकार समिति गठित किए जाने हेतु प्रेस परिषद का सुझाव

199. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय प्रेस परिषद ने सरकार को देश भर में जिला स्तरीय सलाहकार समितियों का गठन करने का सुझाव दिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) : (क) भारतीय प्रेस परिषद ने सुझाव दिया है कि प्रेस और प्रशासन के बीच की समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए देशभर में जिला स्तर पर परामर्शदात्री समिति होनी चाहिए।

(ख) उक्त सुझाव को राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों द्वारा कार्यान्वित किया जाना है।

Finance for Film Industry

200. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently decided against facilitating institutional finance to the film industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) The question of extension of concessional institutional finance to film industry was examined by the Ministry of Finance in consultation with the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The position is that while there is no restriction on the banks granting loan to the film related sector, this sector is not a priority sector for the banks. Moreover, because of the uncertainty on the success of a film which depends on several factors, banks generally do not risk in pooling their resources in this sector. This is the case with financial institutions at national and state levels also. Further, these institutions do not have the expertise to evaluate a film project so as to assess the marketability and the returns. However, the IDBI provides financial assistance to the film processing laboratories etc. and for projects of cinema equipment. The units engaged in film related activities are eligible for refinance assistance and are, therefore, eligible for modernisation assistance also.

Promotion of Grade III Officers in Indian Information Service

201. PROF SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether officers having 16 years' service in Grade III of the Indian Information Service have not been promoted despite adequate number of vacancies;